UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, :

- v - : ORDER

19-cr-666 (KMK)

CHRISTOPHER MARTINEZ,

Defendant. :

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KENNETH M. KARAS, U.S.D.J.

WHEREAS CHRISTOPHER MARTINEZ has indicated his intent to enter a guilty plea in this matter;

WHEREAS the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic necessitates that the change-of-plea hearing in this case take place remotely;

WHEREAS the CARES Act and findings made by the

Judicial Conference of the United States and Chief Judge Colleen

McMahon of the Southern District of New York allow for guilty

pleas to be taken by phone or video, subject to certain findings

made by the District Judge;

THE COURT HEREBY FINDS that, for the reasons set forth in the parties' joint application dated March 29, 2021, the

change-of-plea hearing in this case cannot be further delayed without serious harm to the interests of justice.

Dated:

White Plains, New York

March 29, 2021

SO ORDERED:

HONORABLE KENNETH M. KARAS United States District Judge Southern District of New York